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1. WE HAVE RECEIVED OFFICIAL NOTE FROM SOVIET MISSION, DATED APRIL 2, 1976, PROTESTING SHOOTING INCIDENT AT SOVIET MISSION ON APRIL 2, 1976. INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF NOTE IS AS FOLLOWS:

INFORMAL TRANSLATION: SOVIET MISSION NOTE NBR 231 TO USUN, 4/2/76

"THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS TO THE UNITED NATIONS TURNS TO THE UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS WITH REGARD TO THE MATTER FOLLOWING BELOW.

"ON THE NIGHT OF APRIL 2, 1976, THE BUILDING OF THE USSR MISSION TO THE UN WAS FIRED UPON. AT 3:50 A.M., SHOTS WERE FIRED FROM A FIRE-AMR (RIFLE) UPON THE USSR MISSION BUILDING FROM A CONSTRUCTION SITE AT 68TH STREET. A BULLET FIRED THROUGH THE WINDOW OF A ROOM ON THE 9TH FLOOR OF THE MISSION
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BUILDING, IN WHICH THE FAMILY OF MISSION EMPLOYEE A.I.

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ZINOVATNY LIVES, BECAME LODGED IN THE OPPOSITE WALL OF THE ROOM. THE POLICE, HAVING EXAMINED THIS ROOM, WERE ABLE TO VERIFY THIS FOR THEMSELVES. ONLY BY FORTUNATE CIRCUMSTANCE WERE THE MOTHER AND CHILD WHO WERE IN THE ROOM NOT HURT; HOWEVER, THEY SUFFERED SEVERE PSYCHIC TRAUMA AS A RESULT OF WHICH THEY HAD TO HAVE URGENT MEDICAL ATTENTION.

"THE USSR MISSION TO THE UN STRESSES THE PARTICULAR SERIOUSNESS OF THIS CRIMINAL ACT, FOR IT IS THE FOURTH INSTANCE IN WHICH A BUILDING BELONGING TO THE USSR MISSION TO THE UN IN NEW YORK HAS BEEN FIRED UPON.SIMILAR TERRORIST ACTS HAD BEEN COMMITTED ON OCTOBER 20, 1971, JANUARY 19, 1975 AND FEBRUARY 27, 1976, IN WHICH THE BUILDINGS OF THE USSR MISSION, AS WELL AS THE RIVERDALE HOUSING COMPLEX BELONGING TO IT, WERE SUBJECTED TO SHOTS FROM FIRE-ARMS.

"THE SHOOTING OF THE MISSION BUILDING, IN WHICH LIVE THE USSR PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UN, AMBASSADOR Y.A. MALIK AND HIS WIFE, WHO ARE NOW IN THE PROCESS OF RECOVERING FROM A SERIOUS AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT, ON THE POLITICAL LEVEL IS IMPOSSIBLE TO CONSIDER AS ANYTHING OTHER THAN AN ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE OF THE AMBASSADOR.

"ONE KNOWS THAT THE PROMINENT STATESMAN AND POLITICAL THINKER OF ANCIENT ROME, MARCUS TULLIUS CICERO, RESOLUTELY CONDEMNED ATTEMPTS ON THE LIFE OF AMBASSADORS.
HE SAID AND WROTE THE FOLLOWING: "THIS TERRIBLE CRIME - TO MAKE AN ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE OF AN AMBASSADOR AND INCITE SLAVES TO KILL THE GUESTS OF THEIR MASTER. WHAT EVIL-DOING, WHAT AUDACITY IN THIS SCHEME."

"IN THIS REGARD, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE NOT TO TAKE NOTE THAT IN A COUNTRY WHICH CLAIMS TO FOLLOW THE BEST TRADITIONS OF ANCIENT ROME, A SYSTEM OF REGULAR ATTACKS ON AMBASSADORS AND EMPLOYEES OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS TO THE UN HAS COME INTO PRACTICE.

THE FASCISTIC ZIONIST MAFIA, KNOWN TO OFFICIAL AMERICAN AUTHORITIES, IS PRACTISING THESE CRIMINAL EVIL-DOING METHODS. THE CRIMINAL SHOOTINGS AT MISSION BUILDINGS WERE CARRIED
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OUT BY IT IN THE PAST AND THERE IS EVERY BASIS ON WHICH TO SUPPOSE THAT IT WAS THE EXECUTOR OF THE PRESENT MALEFACTION. THE BASIS FOR THIS IS THE FACT THAT THE DEMONSTRATION ORGANIZED BY THIS MAFIA NEAR THE USSR MISSION BUILDING ON MARCH 30, 1976, TOOK PLACE UNDER THE SLOGAN "DEATH TO SOVIET DIPLOMATS". ON THE PLACARDS AND PHOTOGRAPHS, AS WAS REPORTED IN MISSION NOTE NO.225 OF MARCH 31, 1976, TO THE US MISSION, WERE INSCRIBED: "NO PEACE TO SOVIET DIPLOMATS",

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"SPILL RUSSIAN BLOOD ON THE STREETS OF NEW YORK ". DESPITE
THESE CRIMINALLY PUNISHABLE AND CYNICALLY FRANK PROCLAMATIONS
OF CRIMINAL INTENTION TO MAKE ATTEMPTS ON THE LIVES OF SOVIET
DIPLOMATS, NOT ONE OF THE PARTICIPANTS IN THIS HOSTILE
DEMONSTRATION WAS DETAINED BY THE POLICE, NOR HAS ANY BEEN
BROUGHT TO JUSTICE.

IN THE PAST INSTANCES, NOT ONE OF THE MALEFACTORS WHO SHOT AT
THE MISSION BUILDING HAS BEEN MADE ANSWERABLE NOR PUNISHED
IN THE PROPER MANNER.

THIS ATMOSPHERE OF PERMISSIVENESS VERGES DE FACTO ON
ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE EVIL-DOINGS OF THIS MAFIA. AS HAS ALREADY
BEEN MADE NOTE OF ON THE SOVIET SIDE, SUCH PERMISSIVENESS
IS IN SCANDALOUS VIOLATION OF THE OBLIGATIONS UNDERTAKEN
BY THE UNITED STATES IN THE UN CONVENTION ON PRIVILEGES
AND IMMUNITIES AND IN THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UN AND THE
US ON THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE UN.

"ALL THIS MAKES THE BASIS FOR THE USSR MISSION TO THE UN
TO DEMAND, THROUGH THE US MISSION TO THE UN, THAT THE
ADMINISTRATION OF THE HOST COUNTRY AND THE PRESIDENTIAL
CANDIDATES UNDERTAKE MEASURES TO PUT AN END TO THE
ESCALATION SET IN MOTION BY ANTI-SOVIET HYSTERIA DURING THE
PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN IN THE US,

CREATING FERTILE SOIL FOR THIS KIND OF CRIME AND EVIL-
DOING BY A FASCISTIC MAFIA OF ZIONISTS.

THE MISSION OF THE USSR DECISIVELY PROTESTS AGAINST
THIS RECURRENT CRIMINAL ACTION, DEMANDS IMMEDIATE
INVESTIGATION, APPREHENSION AND PUNISHMENT OF THE GUILTY
PARTIES AND EXPECTS AN IMMEDIATE ANSWER FROM THE US MISSION
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ON THE TAKING BY THE AMERICAN SIDE OF MEASURES FOR THE
PREVENTION OF SIMILAR TERRORISTIC ACTS IN THE FUTURE
FOR THE ASSURANCE OF SAFETY OF THE USSR MISSION AND ITS
PERSONNEL.

THE USSR MISSION STRESSES THAT THE AMERICAN SIDE
WILL BEAR THE ENTIRE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONSEQUENCES
OF FAILURE TO TAKE EFFECTIVE AND DECISIVE MEASURES.
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